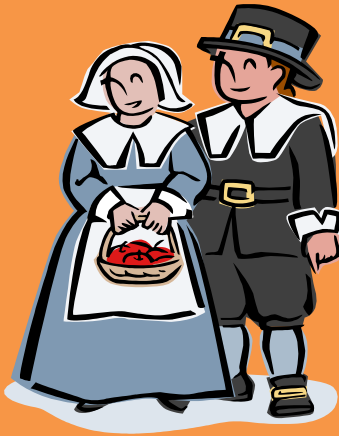


Werner's Weekly Newsletter

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Teacher Notes:

Thank you to everyone who was able to come and celebrate Thanksgiving with us at our luncheon on Thursday! The children were so excited about it all, and they had so much fun preparing for it.

Report cards have been sent home! I am so proud of all of the children and all of the wonderful progress that they have made in such a short period of time. Thank you for all of your help and support from home! Please do not hesitate to contact me with questions or concerns about your child's report card.

Next Wednesday is early dismissal (1:00)! We will have our pajama picnic; see the attached note. The children can wear their pajamas to school but absolutely no slippers. Remember to bring in a food item that starts with "p" (peaches, peanuts, pickles, popcorn, pretzels, pizza etc.)!

Language Arts:

We began learning about the letter "p" and Pilgrims. The letter "p" is a fun letter. There are a lot of words that have the "p" beginning sound, especially foods. We also made time to act like Pilgrims. First, we made Pilgrim puppets using paper plates and craft sticks, and then we learned the words to the rhyme, "5 Happy Pilgrims", and last we took turns acting like happy Pilgrims. We love to be theatrical in our class! We also made a pocket and filled with pictures of items that begin with the letter "p". After we filled our pockets, we wrote all of the words to match the pictures. Our writing is improving daily! Please remember to practice recognizing letters by sight and sound! If you need anything to aid in this, please let me know!

Math:

We have introduced the 6-box matrix! The children quickly learned about this new matrix, they are doing great with the following concepts: left, right, upper, lower, and middle. Making patterns with the Mayflower, a turkey, and cornucopia was lots of fun; see what kind of patterns you can make at home together! We also have been talking about halves and fourths. Pretending a paper plate was a pizza and folding it in halves and fourths was a great way to practice this concept.

Other Activities:

We spent time making our placemats and practicing our songs and rhyme this week. I hope you all enjoyed it as much as we did!

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Upcoming Events:

- November 24 - Pajama Day and "P" Picnic (see note about this)
- November 24 - Early Dismissal
- November 25 & 26 - No School

Special Reminders:

- Please send all money in the Ziploc baggie in your child's folder with a note telling us what the money is for.
- Please notify us of any changes to your child's dismissal procedure immediately with a handwritten note or a phone call.
- Please return your child's folder daily!

Homework:

Please practice letters and letter sounds as often as you can. The children need to know these in order to develop their reading and writing. Flash cards can be easily made with index cards and a marker. Reviewing these 10 minutes nightly can be very helpful to your kindergartner. Refrigerator magnets and foam letters are other great ways to review letters and letter sounds too!

Next Week:

We will be reviewing all letters and culminating all learning about Thanksgiving!

*"You only have to
read on the days
you eat!"*

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questions and concerns:
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